

duced to Napoleon, and invited by him to dinner. This was arranged, in order to make it more agreeable, to him, by Bonaparte's *mmtre* (*Fhott'L*). On dinner being announced Napoleon led the way, and seated himself in the centre, at one side of the table, desiring Sir Henry Hotham to take the seat on his right, and Madame Bertrand that on his left hand. On this day Captain Maitland took his seat at the end of the table, but on the following day, by Napoleon's request, he placed himself on his right hand, whilst General Bertrand took the top. Two of the ship's officers dined with the Emperor daily, by express invitation. The conversation of Napoleon was animated, he made many inquiries as to the family and connections of Captain Maitland, and in alluding to Lord Lauderdale, who was sent as ambassador to Paris during the administration of Mr. Fox, paid that nobleman some compliments and said of the then Premier, "Mad Mr. Fox lived it never would have come to this; but his death put an end to all hopes of peace."

On one occasion he ordered his camp-bed to be displayed for the inspection of the English officers. In two small leather packages were comprised the couch of the once mighty ruler of the Continent/ The steel bedstead which, when folded up, was only two feet long, and eighteen inches wide, occupied one case, while the other contained the mattress and curtains. The whole was so contrived as to be ready for use in three minutes.

Napoleon spoke in terms of high praise of the marines on duty in the *Milwaphmi*, and on going through their ranks exclaimed to Bertrand, "How much might be done, with a hundred thousand such soldiers as these !" In putting them through their exercise he drew a contrast between the charge of the bayonet as made by the English and the "French, and observed that the English method, of fixing the bayonet was faulty, as it might easily be twisted off when in close action. In visiting Admiral Hotham's flag-ship, the *Superb*, he manifested the same active curiosity as in former instances, and made the same minute inquiries into everything by which it was distinguished. During breakfast one